

To whom it may concern,

Conversations from the Open Road, a videography and roadtrip/exploration trip experience, is having a Year End Studies program at Burlington High School this spring. We would love to make CFTOR an opportunity for all, no matter their financial means. As a group of diverse, BHS students, we would love to have Flyin Ryan Foundation as an active sponsor for our trip. We believe that Ryan's core values aligns with ours and the motive of our trip.

About the trip:

We (six BHS students) will be joining CFTOR founder and organizer, Mary Simons, to travel for a week to different regions, cities, and towns where people are exercising their religious freedom in outstanding ways. All participants will be creating a short documentary about their experience including interviews with people we meet along the way. We hope to share the voices of people showing empathy and solidarity for the freedom to believe and practice any faith, during this moment of fear and suspicion. Through our short films, we aim to spread awareness, respect, and compassion. After production, the films will be shown at multiple film festivals across Vermont (and we hope to share them with you, too!). We will use this scholarship to cover lodging, interview, technology, food, transportation, film festival and intern expenses.

As a group our core values include: empathy, expression of belief and passion, vulnerability, open-minded thinking, learning about our world through other's eyes, supporting each other as we grow and/or struggle, and actively working to create effective, meaningful short documentaries.

Lastly, I encourage you to check out CFTOR's website ([conversationsfromtheopenroad.com](http://conversationsfromtheopenroad.com)) as well as short documentaries produced from past trips ([vimeo.com/cftor](http://vimeo.com/cftor)). Our online fundraising link is [gofundme.com/CFTOR-BHS-2017](http://gofundme.com/CFTOR-BHS-2017).

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.